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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN COUP D'ETAT

1. FOLLOWING REPEATS TEXT OF CRITIC REPORT ON MAURITANIAN
COUP FROM EMBASSY DAKAR:

BEGIN QUOTE: A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT TOOK PLACE IN
NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA THE NIGHT OF 9/10 JULY 78. LEADERS
OF THE COUP WERE LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOUSTAPHA OULD
MOHAMED SALEK, CHIEF OF STAFF MAURITANIAN ARMED FORCES AND
LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHEIKH OULD BOIDE COMMANDER OF THE
GENDARMERIE. OTHER PERSONALITIES INVOLVED BUT DO NOT HAVE
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NAMES. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH HAS BEEN ARRESTED ALONG WITH
OTHER CIVILIAN PERSONALITIES. THE TWO LEADERS OF THE
COU SAID THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE "PARTIE MILITAIRE".
FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED AS IT BECOMES AVAIL-
ABLE. SOURCE OF ABOVE INFORMATION IS IN A HIGH POSITION
ON THE STAFF OF FRENCH FORCES SOUTH ATLANTIC. EMBASSY
DAKAR JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT THAT THERE

WAS A MILITARY ALERT IN NOUAKCHOTT AND THE MAURITANIAN
GOVERNMENT WAS RESTRICTING ALL MOVEMENT. BORDERS ARE
CLOSED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS IT BECOMES
AVAILABLE. APPEARS TO BE NO PRESENT THREAT TO EMBASSY
PERSONNEL. END QUOTE. VANCE

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